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LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Over the last week the Security Council has received ever more detailed and disturbing information regarding the reinvigorated aggression against and violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Bihać "safe area", coming from the so-called Krajina Serbs in the United Nations Protected Area (UNPA) zones of the Republic of Croatia. This aggression and these violations are executed by artillery, helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and mobilized infantry, including tanks. This aggression and these violations require fuel. That fuel is, at least in significant part, being provided and facilitated through mechanisms established by the Security Council pursuant to resolution 943 (1994).

Today, this fuel still continues to flow under the direction of the Border Monitoring Mission of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, in direct contravention of resolution 820 (1993) and despite the fact the so-called Krajina Serbs:

1. Continue to block forces of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) within the Bihać pocket, exposing the UNPROFOR forces already there to new hardships and grave danger;

2. Have refused since May 1994 to allow humanitarian convoys of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to enter the Bihać safe area;

3. Are coordinating their aggression and rejection of the Contact Group peace plan with the "Bosnian Serbs";

4. Are, in violation of resolution 943 (1994), sharing their fuel with their accomplices, the "Bosnian Serbs";

5. Violate the status of the UNPA zones and the "Zagreb Agreement" by using planes, helicopters, artillery and other heavy weapons from within the UNPA zones;

6. Shell and attack the Bihać safe area in violation of resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993) as well as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) communiqué of 22 April 1994, killing innocent civilians and endangering the lives of the UNPROFOR forces in the "safe area"; and

7. Have not only violated the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina through shelling and air attacks, but now occupy several areas within the Bihać "safe area".

The Security Council may be more challenged in stopping the above aggression and violations, but it cannot claim impotence in terminating these fuel shipments which directly facilitate this aggression and these violations. We request urgent action to stem further abuses and violations of Security Council resolutions as well as our territorial integrity and sovereignty.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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